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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

APL CO. PTE., LTD., a)	Case No. CV 15-00222 DDP (Ex)
corporation,)	
)	ORDER VACATING MOTION TO STRIKE
Plaintiff,)	AND MOTION TO DISMISS
)	
v.)	[Dkt. Nos. 9, 10]
)	
MEGA SHIPPING, INC., a)	
corporation; KPJ ENTERPRISE,)	
INC., a corporation; and)	
PHILIP MOO SHIANG LEE, an)	
individual,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

Defendant Mega Shipping moves to strike or dismiss claims against it in this action. (Dkt. Nos. 9, 10.) However, the parties agree that Mega Shipping has not met and conferred with opposing counsel as required under Local Rule 7-3. (E.g., Reply ISO Mot. Dismiss at 5:13-22.) Subject to some exceptions not relevant here, that rule instructs that

[C]ounsel contemplating the filing of any motion *shall* first contact opposing counsel to discuss thoroughly, preferably in person, the substance of the contemplated motion and any

1 potential resolution. The conference *shall* take place at least
2 seven (7) days prior to the filing of the motion.

3 L.R. 7-3 (emphases added).

4 As the emphasized language makes clear, the meet-and-confer
5 provision is not optional. The court therefore VACATES both
6 motions. Mega Shipping is free to re-file the motions in
7 conformity with the Local Rules.

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9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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12 Dated: April 2, 2015


DEAN D. PREGERSON
United States District Judge